



**IN THE  
UNITED STATES  
PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**IN RE APPLICATION OF:** Thinnes

**CASE:** 58550.010057  
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**AMENDMENT AND  
COMMUNICATION**

**SERIAL NO.:** 10/617,072

**FILING DATE:** 07/10/2003

**FOR:** APPARATUS FOR CONTROLLING PLAY  
OF A PROGRESSIVELY OPERATED  
LOTTERY-TYPE GAME

**ATTENTION OF:**  
Art Unit 3712  
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Dear Sir:

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is in response to the office action mailed April 2, 2004, directed to the above-identified patent application. Please amend the application as indicated, and consider the following Remarks, toward reconsideration and allowance of the application.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 herein.

Remarks begin on page 8 herein.

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